

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-10. (canceled)

11. (currently amended) A firearm comprising:

- a. a receiver;
- b. an action attached to the receiver; and
- c. an integral blocking lock means attached to the receiver for blocking the path of travel of interfering with a portion of the action when actuated, thereby preventing the firearm from being fired, wherein the wherein: the lock blocking means can only be actuated when the action is in a fully open position; and the lock means is attached only to the receiver and to no other portion of the firearm.

12. (previously presented) The firearm of Claim 11 wherein the blocking lock means cannot be accessed and/or defeated internally to the extent the firearm can be operatively disassembled when the blocking lock means is actuated.

13. (currently amended) A firearm comprising:

- a. a receiver;
- b. an action attached to the receiver; and
- c. an integral blocking locking device attached only to the receiver and to no other portion of the firearm, wherein: the blocking locking device can be actuated to block the path of travel of interfere with a portion of the action, thereby preventing the firearm from being fired; the blocking locking device can only be actuated when the action is in a fully open position; and the blocking locking device cannot be accessed and/or defeated internally to the extent the firearm can be operatively disassembled when the blocking locking device is actuated.

14. (previously presented) The firearm of Claim 13 wherein the blocking locking device blocks the path of travel of interferes with at least one of the following portions of the firearm's action: an action bar; a bolt; an elevator; a bolt slide; and/or a modified action slide tube adapter.

15. (currently amended) A firearm comprising:

- a. a receiver;
- b. an action attached to the receiver; and
- c. an integral locking device attached to the receiver, wherein:

d. the locking device can be actuated to interfere with a portion of the action, thereby preventing the firearm from being fired; the locking device can only be actuated when the action is in a fully open position; and the locking device cannot be accessed and/or defeated internally to the extent the firearm can be operatively disassembled when the locking device is actuated; and

~~The firearm of Claim 13 wherein~~

e. the blocking locking device is a plunger lock comprising:
a. a lock body attached to the receiver and having an axial bore;
b. a lock plunger disposed in the axial bore and having a helical guide groove;
c. a guide pin attached to the lock body, said guide pin having an end that lies within the helical guide groove; and
d. a lock key configured to engage an end of the plunger accessible from the exterior of the firearm; wherein when the lock key is used to rotate the plunger, the helical guide groove of the plunger is forced to track along the guide pin attached to the lock body, causing the plunger to extend or retract.

16-21. (canceled)

22. (new) A firearm comprising:

a. a receiver;
b. an action attached to the receiver; and
c. an integral blocking device attached to the receiver, wherein: the blocking device is configured to selectively block the path of travel of a portion of the action without engaging or extending into an aperture therein, thereby preventing the firearm from being fired without the need for alignment with, or especial provision of, an aperture in the action; the blocking device can only be actuated when the action is in a fully open position; and the blocking device cannot be accessed and/or defeated internally to the extent the firearm can be operatively disassembled when the blocking device is actuated.